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Mediator calls teams to table

The mediator has called the management and union teams back to the negotiating table this weekend, a few days before the Feb. 18 date for the Ontario college faculty strike vote.

A statement from Keith McIntyre, president of Mohawk College and chairman of the management bargaining team, released Wednesday said:

"Mediator Ray Illing has invited the parties to meet this weekend and we have agreed to meet in an attempt to resolve the alleged workload issues which we understand to be the chief barrier to achieving a settlement."

Joan Hastings, president of Local 242 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, was not available for comment at press time.

Faculty at the 22 colleges have been without a contract since last August. The Council of Regents, the body regulating the colleges, has offered a two-year contract with a 4.5 per cent raise the first year and 4.3 per cent the second. That offer was rejected by 80 per cent of union members in September. Negotiations broke off in December.

Overall, the union has accused management of gutting the workload formula; management has said it is merely fine tuning it.

$42,000 computers save time

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

Microcomputers and printers costing more than $42,000 were installed for the three deans and 10 chairmen and the computer centre of Niagara College in December and January.

The computers can be used for general record keeping, word processing, access to student records and budget information, Louise Bardswich, Computer Centre director, said.

Many of the deans and chairmen use the electronic mail system, an easy way to get a message to one person or a number of people without having to go through the telephone, she said. "The main reason I know they're using them is the number of questions we're getting and quite often, I get mail from them or send mail to them," Ms. Bardswich said.

A number of chairmen are able to type a first draft of their memos on their own microcomputers and pass it on to their secretaries for updating, Ms. Bardswich said. "It saves a fair bit of time."

The computers, delivered in mid-December, were purchased from Image Computers in Waterloo. Quotes were sought

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Launching SAC Olympics

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, standing beside the Niagara Knight, the college mascot, holds the "Olympic torch" to launch SAC's official torch relay around the college on Monday.
Photo by Gordon Wilson

Welland Transit to continue service

The Welland Transit System will continue pickup service to Niagara College as long as the college continues its efforts to alleviate the parking problem, Joe Hrechanyk, Welland Transit superintendent, said.

The Transit System had threatened to discontinue pickup service because of illegally parked cars that lined the curb of the Merritt building preventing access for city buses.

"If any problems arise in the future, we will consider taking drastic measures," Mr. Hrechanyk said. "We hope it doesn't come to that."

The college had been issuing tickets to illegally parked cars, but when the effort failed to alleviate the problem, began towing vehicles from the college, Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services, said.

In the first two weeks of January, $2,000 worth of tickets were issued at the college, Mr. Spittle said.

"There are fewer and fewer cars being towed," Mr. Spittle said, indicating that the towing is helping to deter people from parking illegally.

Boiled eggs, bayleaves, part of Valentines

By BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

With all the delicate lace, heart-shaped candy boxes and the decorative cards and flowers seen around lately, keep a lookout for a tiny cherub. Valentine's Day is near and you may be its target.

Valentine's Day in name is associated with the feast for a martyred Christian priest during the time of the Roman Empire. It actually combines the feast day for Saint Valentine with the pagan ritual practice of celebrating Lupercalia. Lupercus to ancient Romans was a half-goat/half-human god responsible for scaring away wolves. On the 15th day of the month for the goddess Juno Februata, young lovers would celebrate by declaring love for each other through proposing marriage, or choosing a partner for the next 12 months.

However, Valentine, a canonized priest, did not have anything to celebrate when on the 14th day of this month in 270 he died through the persecutions of Claudius II. When the Roman Empire became Christian, the two events became identified with one day.

Celebration

Its celebration continued through the Middle Ages, but it did pick up some variation along the way. One of the most noted Valentine writers, Charles Duke of Orleans, created his beautiful messages while in bondage when he was taken prisoner in 1415 after the battle of Agincourt.

Shakespeare made reference to the ritual in a scene of Hamlet when Ophelia, stricken by Cupid's arrow, tried to win the affections of the prince with:

Good morrow! 'tis St. Valentine's Day
All in the morning betime,
And I a maid at your window
To be your Valentine.

At one period it was more important to give gifts than messages. During the time of Charles II, 1660 to 1685, ladies were called to draw gentlemen's names in Valentine's Day lotteries, Samuel Pepys in his remarkable diary wrote of a Charles Stuart, Duke of Richmond, who, when drawn by Frances Teresa Stuart as her Valentine, gave her a jewel worth $4,000. The following year she was not as lucky though; with her new lottery, Valentine only gave her a $1,500 ring. She later married the Duke and apparently was a mistress of the King.

Superstition

The 18th century brought with it charming Valentine's day superstitions. As one legend has it, in 1756 a young girl wrote of pinning bayleaves to her bed and pillow. Then, to secure the love of her dreams, she boiled an egg, took out the yolk, salted it and finally ate it shell and all without drinking or speaking after it — there is a prize for any guy. If that did not work, some people got up before sunrise to go hunting for an owl or two sparrows. Catching either of these would grant the person wisdom, modesty and good fortunes for the following year.

Eventually, as the tradition came to North America through countries like France and England, the fashion of delicate and decorative messages expressing genuine hope and affection became the mode. Also, it seems that in keeping with tradition, messages should be expressed in anonymity. As J. Walker McSpadden writes in The Book of Holidays, they should imply, "You are my Valentine, that is, I offer you my companionship of affection and love for the next 12 months and am willing to consider marriage if this companionship proves to be satisfactory for the both of us."

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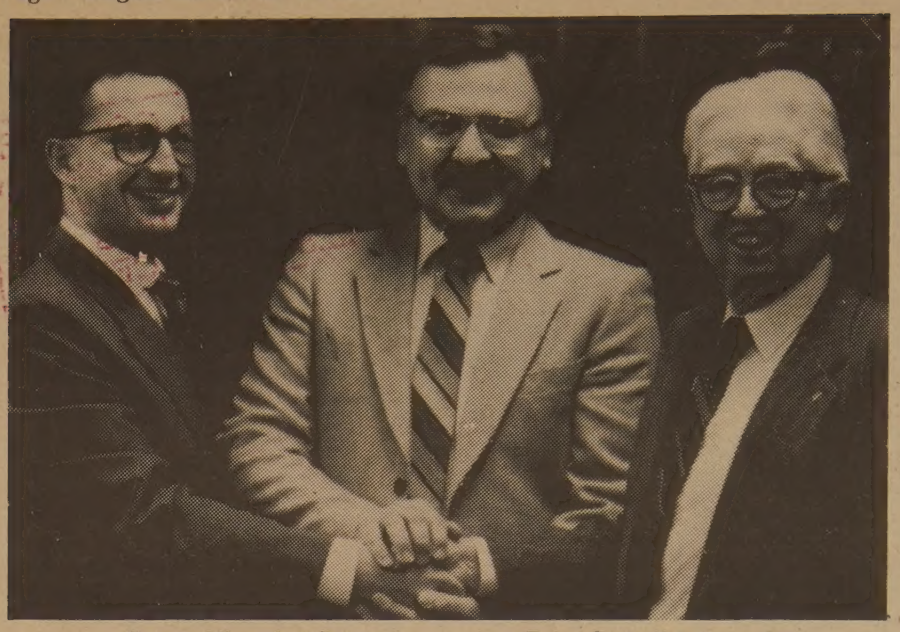
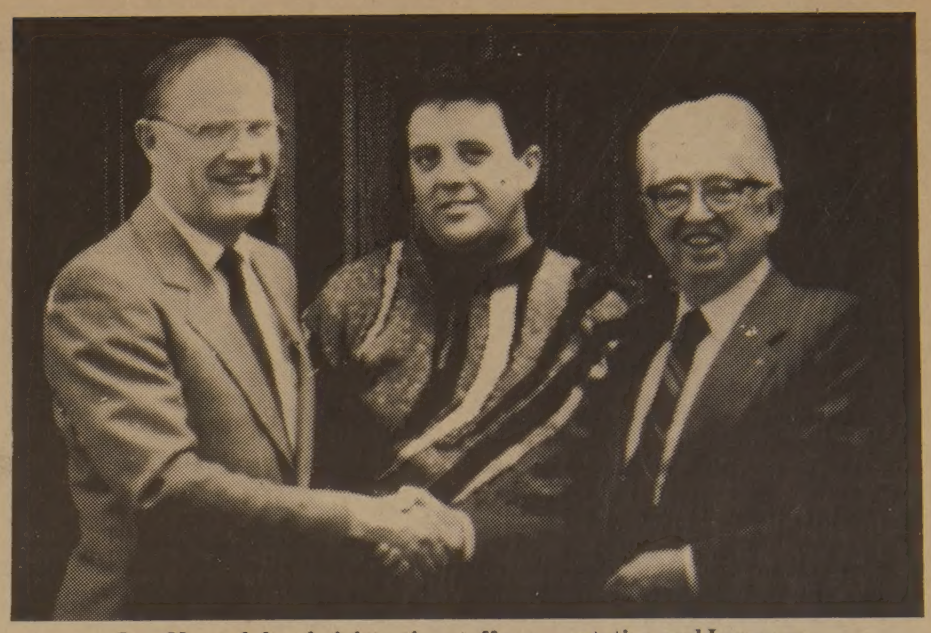
Be our Valentine!



Internal Board of Governors members Brian Staneff, left, student representative; and David Abraham, centre, faculty representative; are welcomed to the board by chairman William Ford.
Photo by Helen Doan



Ivar Noren, left, administrative staff representative, and Lawrence Wells, centre, support staff representative, receive a welcome from Board of Governors chairman William Ford.
Photo by Helen Doan

New officers

B of G nominations, one member says no

A nominating committee, comprising Hugh Cook as chairman, Coleen Brown and Roy Brunner, presented its recommendations for the slate of officers for the 1988 Board of Governors at the Jan. 28 board meeting at which the recommendations passed with only one member dissenting.

The following people hold positions:

William Ford remains as chairman of the board. His term as board chairman is continued for another year, due to Hugh Cook's departure. Mr. Cook would have been chairman this year, but he is moving to Cornwall.

William Heelis holds two positions: vice-chairman of the board, and chairman of the executive committee.

David Bessey, of St. Catharines, is chairman of the academic affairs committee. He was chairman of the staff and student affairs committee, a permanent committee, which now may become an ad hoc (temporary) one.

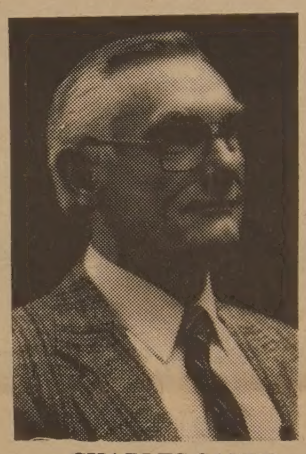
Mary Anne Seppala, of Niagara Falls, is vice-chairman of the academic affairs committee.

Roy Brunner, of Welland, takes over from Mr. Heelis as chairman of the administrative affairs committee.

Coleen Brown, of Niagara Falls, holds two offices: vice-chairman of the administrative affairs committee, and chairman of the audit review committee, a position held by Gary Hoyle, of Port Colborne.

Betty Crockett, of St. Catharines, is chairman of the operational review steering committee.

Mr. Hoyle is appointed to the planning committee for the tourism/hospitality training centre to replace former board member Alex Elliott, who served the board for the maximum time



CHARLES SANDS

JAMES BRADY

and had his term extended one year.

Also at the meeting were new external board members James Brady, who replaces Hugh Cook, and Charles Sands, who replaces Alex Elliot.

The nominating committee's recommendations were passed by the board with only David Abraham, faculty internal board member, dissenting. He objected that no internal board members were named to board positions.

OSAP applicant guilty

Michael R. Leger pleaded guilty on Sept. 28, 1987 in Provincial Court, Toronto, to a charge of contravening Section 14 (1) of the Regulations under Canada Student Loans Act.

Mr. Leger was given a conditional discharge, placed on probation for one year, and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service work. Restitution of the loan was also arranged.

Mr. Leger applied for assistance to attend the University of Windsor for a 35-week course of studies commencing September, 1985. Two days later, he picked up his Canada Student Loan document, and negotiated the loan at a bank Nov. 12.

Because of his actions Mr. Leger is barred from receiving further financial help under the Ontario Student Assistance Program.

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Olympic planners won't call SAC

By JULIE DEBRUIN
Staff Writer

If the organizers of the Calgary Winter Olympics run into the same snags as the Student Administrative Council did with their version at the college, spectators would be lining up in droves for refunds. The college held a torch relay without a torch, a tug of war without the rope and had to cancel the snow pitch tournament (winter baseball) because they were 1½ teams short.

The eating contests held in the main cafeteria on Tuesday's lunch were successful. Students volunteered from the crowd to take part in the jello and chocolate pie eating contest and the milk chugging contest.

"We had an excellent turnout," Barb Morrison, vice-president of external affairs, said.

The Olympics began Monday with the torch relay as Jacqueline Robarts, college president, held the last-minute torch – a blue propane burner — and made her way towards Woodlawn Road as the Niagara Knight mascot, a local newspaper reporter and a Global newsteam watched from the Hennepin Hall parking lot.

Darryl Nadeau, SAC president, said he had heard the college did have a torch but someone took it with him on a trip down south.

TOOK TURNS

The torch was passed to the three deans: Fred Habermehl, Applied Arts and Health Sciences; Hans van der Slagt, Business, and Dr. Tony Knowles, Technology, who took turns carrying it until the van with the runners got ahead and dropped off the next runner. The runners were picked up by the van when they finished their run and several had the chance to run twice.

JOHN BREDIN
JELLO CHAMPION

CUNILE MACKINNON
PIE CHAMPION

"We got the idea for the torch relay on the trip to Edmonton," Barb said referring to the week-long trip she and Darryl made to the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton to study their olympics.

The tug of war scheduled for Tuesday at noon had to be postponed until Thursday because there "was a mix up with the rope," Barb said, explaining the fact that there was no rope.

The jello and pie eating contests and the milk chugging contest went over well after Darryl coaxed people with the free food aspect of the competition.

Barb referred to lack of participation for snowpitch: people were having too good a time watching the eating contests and didn't want to go outside, she said. Another reason was that people were going to the gym instead of the cafeteria as was posted.

Participants were given free SAC T-shirts and hot chocolate and medals were given out to the winners of the indoor events.

Results of Thursday's events which included the snow pitch and tug of war along with the scheduled events, frisbee football and ping pong, were not available at press time.

Last year's Winter Olympics had to be cancelled because there was no snow.

Wins Corpsuckle Cup five times running

The Ambulance and Emergency Care program was awarded the Corpsuckle Cup Tuesday for the fifth year in a row for donating the most blood at this year's blood donor clinic Nov. 9.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, made the presentation; 68.7 per cent of the class donated.

A second blood donor clinic will be held in the gym March 22, instead of March 31 as first planned.

A Corpsuckle Cup Committee has been formed to share responsibilities with Eugene Maltais, former sole organizer.

"All of the jobs I used to do have been taken over by various people in the college," Mr. Maltais said. "They're doing a far better job than I did. I got a bit stale. They've got fresh new ideas and a lot of enthusiasm."

The committee is made up of: Mr. Maltais; Dave Robinson, liaison with the Student Administrative Council; Jan Potton, publicity for the Corpsuckle Cup using student resources; Carmel Costantini, letters to coordinators announcing the competition; Dawn Hall, announcement to staff; Pat Frank, bulletin board display and Bob Baddeley, chairman, allied health and preschool education division, Corpsuckle Cup presentation.

"It is institutionalized now. If I were to quit before, the clinics would have fallen apart. Now that it's been made an institution, the organization will keep moving," Mr. Maltais said.

"The idea about spreading out the duties is good in an organizational sense," Mrs. Costantini said. "It's not fair for one person to have all that responsibility."

Results of survey

The majority of non-smokers at Niagara believe smoking is a serious health problem, say results of two surveys.

Staff smokers are equally split between smoking being a serious problem or not a problem; while the majority of student smokers agree smoking is a serious problem.

Eighty-four per cent of both staff and student non-smokers agree smoking is a serious problem, while 50 per cent of staff smokers and 65 per cent of student smokers say it is a serious problem.

The results, released to Niagara News Feb. 2, were compiled after surveying 52 staff members and 464 students. The majority of those surveyed were non-smokers: 73 per cent of staff and 66 per cent of the students.

No staff smokers want smoking banned. Of non-smokers, 47 per cent of staff and 24 per cent of the students want smoking banned.

Smokers wanting designated areas are 43 per cent for staff and 38 per cent for students. Forty-two per cent staff non-smokers and 61 per cent student non-smokers want designated areas.

The current policy — no smoking in posted areas — drew 57 per cent in agreement, both staff and student smokers; while 11 per cent of staff non-smokers and 13 per cent student non-smokers agree with the current policy.

Members of the Niagara College Smoking Policy Committee are Huguette Game, support staff; Rosemary Kuhnigk, administration; Gord McPherson, faculty; Candy Paris, administration; Ralph Rittner, Student Administrative Council; Wendy Shinner, SAC; Helen Slade, faculty; Hans van der Slagt, administration; and Joan Warbis, support staff. Of all members, four are smokers.

Changes proposed for sign project

A list proposing changes, improvements and future plans regarding the sign project will be presented to the college president, Jacqueline Robarts, for approval before being presented to the Board of Governors, Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, said.

"Right now, I am in the process, or stage one of the proposal, of getting figures for these projects," Mr. Zanutto said. He hopes to have a final figure by the middle of March.

The $60,000 to $65,000 project designed as a "make-work project" – relating work within the community — had flaws in it after its completion and Mr. Zanutto and Jack Spittle, director of plant and property, are trying to rectify these flaws.

High on the list, or stage two of the proposal, would be to change the existing one perspective theory and have each "primary information board" show the whole campus from four directions depending on where the boards are located and not just show north as they do now, Mr. Zanutto said.

In time, they would like to add large graphics to each building on the outside so it could be recognized from the parking lots and surrounding streets. If possible, Mr. Zanutto would like to take the proposal to its final stage by painting all the doors in each building their respective color. Example: each door in the Lundy building would be painted green.

However, Mr. Zanutto said the mistakes made in the project after its first completion have been corrected without Niagara College picking up the tab.

"Things like scratched signs, misspelled signs and signs put in the wrong place have been corrected by the contractor at no cost to us," Mr. Zanutto said.

SAC election guidelines

Campaigning for the Student Administrative Council elections begins Monday with the nomination deadline today. Three nominations kits were handed in by Wednesday morning; the SAC office handed out 15 kits to students, Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said.

Marks will have to be checked by Hugo Bessems, student liaison officer, before a candidate can campaign. The election date is Tuesday, Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Tecumseh Foyer and main cafeteria at the Welland campus; and at all satellite campuses.

Hospitality update

Plans for the Hospitality Centre are " coming along nicely," Jack Spittle, director of plant and property services, said Tuesday.

Architect Richard Baker, of Flemming-Baker, met with the fire marshall in Toronto on Feb. 5. The fire marshall must approve every building built in Ontario.

Niagara College was given a $6 million grant last summer to build a hospitality/tourism centre on Dunn Street, the college's Niagara Falls property. Programs that will be moved to the new centre are hotel and restaurant administration; cook apprentice, advanced and basic; two tourism programs, English and bilingual and two food preparation programs.

Mr. Baker and Nelson Hofer and Associates, specialists in designing kitchen space, are working together to place specific equipment in three food labs, a bakery lab and a production kitchen. The next step will be electrical wiring, water, sewer line placement on the blueprints in relation to the equipment, Mr. Spittle said.

"There are areas of uncertainty being resolved," Mr. Spittle said. "This is typical and in three or four weeks everything being worked on will come together."

There have been no recent meetings of the planning or design committees and Mr. Spittle is working directly with Mr. Baker.

Computers

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from nine companies, including four local ones. The local prices were higher than Image Computers, Peter Cridland, manager of the purchasing department, said.

Each 360K floppy disk drive with 32 megabyte hard drive computer cost $1,970, including provincial sales tax. Monitors for each of the 15 computers cost $130 and side stands were $50. Interface cables for each machine were $30.

"It's all state-of-the-art equipment," Mr. Cridland said.

In addition to the computers and monitors, 15 Roland 1215 wide carriage printers were bought. These printers cost $669 each, including provincial sales tax.

Some chairmen are fairly "computer literate" and did not need much training, Ms. Bardswich said. Others had not had any computer equipment until this time, so it was a "little newer" for them.

The computers are tied into the main frame, a large computer that can support a number of users at once. The Vax or mainframe can support 50 to 60 people working on it from different terminals.

The new microcomputers have the ability to become a "dummy terminal," rather than using the intelligence right in the machine. It is in the dummy terminal mode that the deans and chairmen look at student records and budget information, Ms. Bardswich said. Two of the 15 computers went into the computer centre.

The deans receiving the computers are Fred Habermehl, School of Applied Arts and Health Sciences; Dr. Tony Knowles, School of Applied Science and Technology, and Hans van der Slagt, School of Business. The chairmen are Bob Baddeley, allied health and preschool education division; Dennis Malone, communications, social sciences and general studies division; David Davies, creative arts and human services division; Lois Millar, nursing education division; Tony Backler, chemical/computer/electrical/electronics/horticulture division; George Rowbottom, manufacturing/mechanical/construction division; George Kovacs, resource centre for skills development division; Andy Ferguson, applied management division; Neil McGregor, hospitality and development division, and Ivar Noren, mathematics, officer administration and part-time studies division.

Editorials

Negotiations: a student view

The faculties of colleges across Ontario will be voting on February 18. The outcome of this vote will be whether they go on strike or agree to management's contract offer. If there is a strike mandate the union has promised not to strike until September. On the other hand management could lock them out immediately after their decision to strike.

What does this mean to the students of Ontario's colleges?

If there is a lock-out, the students will be deprived of precious learning time.

The colleges faced a similiar situation in the fall of 1984. Teachers went on strike for three weeks. Time lost was made up by students attending classes well into May.

Graduates of that year spent a lot of job-searching time in classes. University students, getting a head start in the competitive market, got a lot of the jobs that were available to college students.

Many students quit school in 1984 because of the added pressure of not knowing when classes would resume, and they were also anxious to start their careers.

A repeat of the consequences of the 1984 strike are possible this year. Students are so close to graduation and many already have field placement scheduled to start in April. These students might not finish their course.

The students coming out of high school have to decide whether to work, or go to college or university. If the college strike/lock-out situation is in effect it is possible these students will overlook the option of college altogether.

The college system, which runs on funding based on enrolment, could take a turn for the worse when teachers resume their duties. There is the possibility of cut-backs in programs if enrolment is low. Some programs could be cut completely.

Teachers should be allowed to strike and management should be allowed to exercise some form of reprisal.

So why should the students be punished?

The students of today ARE the future of tomorrow and they should be given a chance to finish their education to create a better world.**Sharon Andres**

Elvis, the mystery remains

On Aug. 16, 1977, the world grieved at the death of Elvis Presley. Today, 11 years later, his memory is kept alive by the people who love "The King of Rock and Roll."

After Elvis' death, some people began calling him "nothing but a drug addict;" they felt he had let them down and they tried to shatter the images of "The King."

The book Elvis and Me by Priscilla Presley, his former wife, became a movie which was aired on television last Sunday and Monday. She tried to capture the caring, loving, gentle and dependent side of Elvis that many never knew about.

It is funny how Janis Joplin, Keith Moon, Jimmy Hendrix, Jim Morrison and John Bonhom, all famous rock stars, died of drug overdoses, but little does society hear about their drug dependencies!

They picked on Elvis because he was loved by everybody; everybody knew who Elvis was. He sang country, blues, soul, love songs and rock and roll. He cast a spell on society with his music.

Despite the public's knowledge of his growing drug dependencies, his true fans still loved him. His midnight-black hair and sparkling eyes made it easy for people to fall in love with him. His stern, yet angelic face could melt one's heart. He was magical.

As he grew older and began gaining weight, his fans continued to love, follow, support, scream and cry for him. His spell drew people towards him.

Today, society cannot get enough of Elvis Presley. They still want to know more, but magazine articles, documentaries, and Priscilla's movie will never explain Elvis' magic. He will remain a mystery. "The King of Rock and Roll." A legend for 100 years to come. **Barbara Horning**

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What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Here fishy, fishy, fishy.

Fishing is a great way to get exercise, fresh air and relaxation. Here Nick Gage, of Welland, stands looking into the Welland River from the aqueduct bridge. He said now that he is retired he thinks it's important to keep active and get fresh air. All his efforts weren't in vain as he walked away with four fish that day.

Photo by Brian McLaughlin

Bullpit

No tug, late torch, no teams; SAC Olympics score '0'

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

The Olympic spirit is supposed to bring rousing cheers to honored teams, crowds waiting to get a glimpse at their favorite athlete and a tug at the heartstrings — proud to be part of it all.

Unfortunaltely, this week's Student Administrative Council Olympics fell short of that goal. Organization is the thing that leads to the success of almost anything, and lack of it — as in the SAC Olympics — leads to a somewhat disappointing failure.

The idea itself was great but a lack of organization for the torch run, snow pitch and tug of war led to a lack of participation.

The torch was run with about 10 volunteers and the torch itself — a propane blowtorch — arrived 10 minutes after the run was scheduled to begin. There were no true-to-form opening Olympic ceremonies. Jacqueline Robarts, college president, was just given the torch and she ran with it — no fanfare or even a "go."

The tug of war was cancelled because someone forgot the rope for that day. It was held Thursday instead. The snow pitch tournament found three people wandering around by the gym looking for a team to rival them.

The chocolate pie and jello eating contests and the milk chugging competition was a little more interesting at least. There was a lot more competition but only after SAC president Darryl Nadeau stood on the stage in the cafeteria coaxing people to volunteer for the messy events.

Whether the students have a lack of school spirit or SAC is having problems in coming together to organize something, they should have realized this ahead of time. It probably would have been helpful to find out how many students would have liked to participate in the scheduled events and work around that information to plan the week.

Barb Morrison, vice-president of external affairs and Darryl attended a SAC conference in Edmonton to get ideas for Niagara's olympics. Ideas they got but organization seemed to be lost to them. Many will wonder if they, too, wandered aimlessly around on their trip, looking for events to compete in and brilliant thoughts to carry back home.

Despite all of the downfalls, a good time seemed to be had by all those who did participate. Medals were given to the winners, and free SAC T-shirts and hot chocolate to all the team members.

Focus on the Media Department

Niagara tapes ACAATO conference

By SHARON ANDRES
Staff Writer

Niagara College's media department is covering 12 two-hour sessions, three one-hour luncheons and one evening speaker at the community college conference in Toronto which started Feb. 10 and will run to Feb. 12.

Keith Lindberg, manager of the media department and co-ordinator of the video, said Niagara College is an integral part of the co-ordination of the conference and is responsible for taping 26 hours of the conference on video-tape.

Final

This is the third and final day of the conference of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario.

George Brown College and Seneca College sent one crew of two people each to help with coverage. Three crews of Niagara's radio and television students are working at the conference as well as two media department staff. George Brown and Seneca were to cover a total of four sessions, leaving Niagara with 12 sessions to cover.

The 26 hours of film are "are going to be utilized later on for viewing," Mr. Lindberg said, and while there is no specific directive as yet, he expects post production work will be done on this tape.

Four microphones will have to be set up by the crews to cover the 12 panel discussions and the question and answer periods that follow.

The ACAATO conference, at the Royal York Hotel, is a meeting of all the boards of governors and presidents of the 22 colleges in Ontario.

"I've been to the Royal York to check out rooms and facilities to make sure all is adequate," Mr. Lindberg said. He has also found out what audio system will be supplied from ACAATO and the hotel.

Tuesday they loaded a rental van with lighting kits, three cameras, three video-tape machines and "all kinds of cable," Mr. Lindberg said.

KEITH LINDBERG

They left about 7 a.m. Wednesday morning. Mr. Lindberg expected this set-up to be the toughest, lasting from one hour to an hour and a half. "After each session we must remove the equipment from the rooms" only to set up all over again for the next session, he said.

Part of the reason Niagara College's media department was asked to co-ordinate the filming of this conference was because of a video they did for William Ford, chairman of the Board of Governors, which assists new governors coming in to a school and tells them what is expected of them.

It is "the leadership or aggression" of the department that caught the interest of the conference organizers, Mr. Lindberg said.

It is possible that the 26 hours of film will be dubbed from the three-quarter inch format used here to a one-quarter inch format and sent to the various colleges, Mr. Lindberg said.

Guest speakers include Glenna Carr, deputy minister of the Ministry of Skills Development; Dr. John Godfrey, editor of the Financial Post; Lyn McLeod, minister of colleges and universities and Dr. Charles Pascal, chairman of the Council of Regents, the governing body of the colleges.

Video requests has media dept. busy

By BARBARA HORNING
Staff Writer

Niagara College's media department is having its biggest workload increase in 2½ years because of "surging" promotional video tape requests from teachers and co-ordinators.

Keith Lindberg, department manager, said these requests for promotional material results from a decline in post-secondary enrolment.

In September 1986, Niagara's enrolment decreased to 3,371 from 3,504 the year before, and decreased again last fall to 3,327 as of Sept. 9.

Promotion

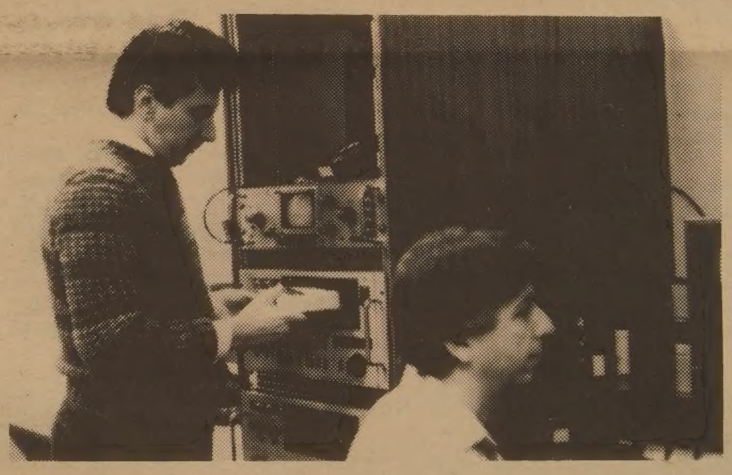
The half-inch promotional videos have been arranged with Marketing Information Servces hoping their content will reach people who might enrol here, Mr. Lindberg said.

The "recruiting tool" — the video — depicts Niagara's en vironment, academic programs and success, and extra-curricular activities. The tapes are to let people know Niagara College does exist, Mr. Lindberg said.

The video tape has become a way of life for most North Americans and is easy to identify with — "the natural way," Mr. Lindberg said, explaining that most people would enjoy a video more than someone talking.

Co-ordinators and teachers write a script containing the content of the message they want to get across. They can use these videos when visiting high schools or shopping malls.

HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO



TOM PAGONIS

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Information Services gives one copy of the video to the "user" and others to high schools.

This year's productions will include: technology's manufacturing engineering technology, and motor vehicle mechanic apprenticeship programs; Applied Arts and Health Sciences' medical transcriptionist and health records technician program. Other projects are an all-star hockey special and Niagara's Blossom Festival Parade.

Mr. Lindberg has been with the college 20 years, 10 years as co-ordinator of the instructional television department, and since then, as manager of the media department formed when ITV and audiovisual services joined.

His duties include helping with television productions, producing software — audiovisual — and inventory of college equipment.

The many photography and graphic projects are handled by Ron Nichol and Tom Bowes.

Tom Pagonis, Jerry Salfi and Cathy Weir, television personnel, shoot videos, edit and help with post-production and production of projects.

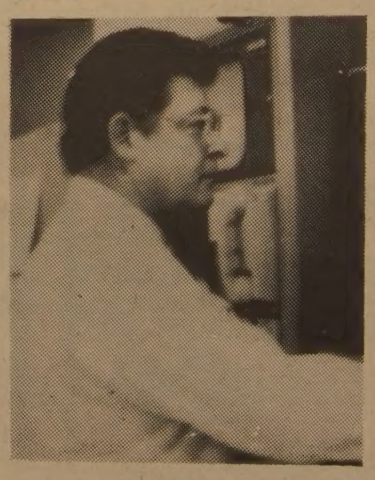
The professional and "finishing touch" is added to the videos by Stu Black, the speaker for most of the videos, Mr. Lindberg said.

It is a pleasure to walk into the media department for help, or just to ask a few questions because the well-dressed, always smiling staff makes you feel comfortable. Although "their heads are above water" and they are swamped with work, the staff is always willing to help.

The media centre's services include television production; audio visual production — transparencies and laminating; computer graphics — videotaping guest speakers and seminars; photography — graphics, illusion and slide reproduction; technical service — media equipment and repairs, and special services — satellite programs, live or taped television production for cable, and voice-overs for video tapes and slides.

The videos seem to be a part of the future and not just another cycle, Mr. Lindberg said. "It will be going on a while, to keep Niagara College's name going."

CATHY WEIR



TOM BOWES

RON NICHOL

New video a first

By DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writer

A video has been made to assist new members of the Board of Governors adjust to their new jobs — a first for the college system.

"An Orientation for the Board of Governors of Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology" is the end result of the combined efforts of the media department and Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of education and student services, who wrote and produced the 28-minute video.

Media department manager Keith Lindberg said Niagara's board chairman F. W. Ford requested last October that a film be made to assist members in understanding what goes on and what is required of them.

"Mr. Ford would like to make it a first of a series, but he must see if there is support; it's a first for the system," Dr. McCardell said.

Narrated

The video is narrated by radio-TV broadcast instructor Stu Black and introduced by college president Jacqueline Robarts. Its documentary format provides an overview from the history of Ontario to an analysis of the college system.

"As new ones come in, it was felt it would be useful to give them a flavor for the responsibilities," Mr. Lindberg said. "There is a lot of information through the script."

Dr. McCardell, with the approval and support of the president, was asked by Mr. Ford to write the script and put together the visual portion using still pictures, video file material and live sessions of board meetings.

The president's December report said: "The Governors are very pleased with this endeavor." Dr. McCardell said the Association of Colleges and Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO) and the Council of Regents, the body which appoints members to the board and advises the Ministry of Education, have reacted favorably.

Council chairman Dr. Charles Pascal appears in the video to explain the council's responsibilities. Dr. McCardell said the video is to orient people to the system so they will work together, using the college as an example provides a model for ACAATO.

Involved

Dr. McCardell said Mr. Ford is heavily involved in ACAATO, which brings the 22 community colleges' boards together, and is interested in the governors of all the colleges and the system working together.

"He has a keen interest in the sytem with training for the governors," she said. "There is no training course in advance."

She and Mr. Ford would like to develop a series of 15 to 20 generic tapes that would present a general way of doing things. The idea has been presented to ACAATO and it depends on the resources they are willing to commit.

"We would like to use more film for staff and student leaders," Dr. McCardell said. "We have to work faster and smarter; things are not the same. The governors need a common body of knowledge; there is not much written on college governors.

Students, students

Canada: country for immigrants

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer

Eugenia Rewera, a student in English as a Second Language, reads and speaks English much better as the end of the course approaches. The Polish immigrant and her husband both enjoy being in Canada and think the most important thing is to learn the language. She understands English now, but still finds it hard to say complicated things. Photo by Margaret Bartlett

Eugenia Rewera says Canada is the best country for immigrants. She and her husband miss their homeland of Poland but they are glad to be here.

At first it was difficult to get used to Canada because Europe is so different, but now she enjoys it because of the freedom, she said.

She left Poland two years ago and went to a refugee camp in Italy. She waited for three months at the camp and later lived in a hotel in Rome for 15 months awaiting permission to enter Canada as a landed immigrant. Her husband, Les, a lawyer, left Poland earlier and went first to the United States before joining her in the camp.

In Italy she gave birth to their daughter, Dagny, now a year and a half old. Her parents who still live in Poland visited Canada for three months last summer. She hopes her brother will be able to visit soon, but it has been difficult for young people to get passports since martial law was enforced in Poland in 1981.

The Polish government would not let them leave the country together because they worry that married people leaving the country together will not return, she said.

No problem

They have no political problems in Poland but do not plan to visit until they have Canadain citizenship, she said.

Many people have the impression that the refugee camp was lke a Second World War camp with armed guards, but it wasn't like that. The camp was built by Mussolini for his soldiers in Latina, about 60 kilometres from Rome. There were no luxuries there; each family had their own three-metre by three-metre room with a shower.

The main reason they left Poland was because the government is too strong and it does what it wants to, she said. "It's very hard to live there." Polish people have to spend more money than they earn.

Canada was the only country that opened up the gates. The United States admits some refugees but usually for political reasons, she said.

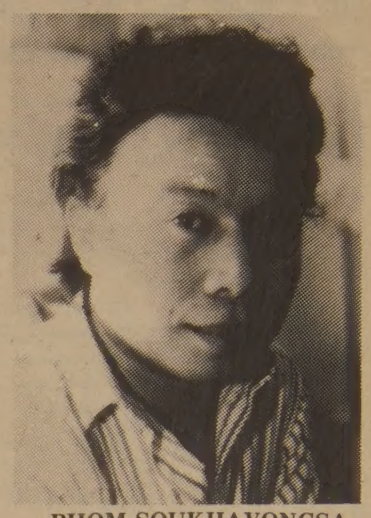
Eugenia said she thinks learning English is the most important thing; she and her husband both take English as a Second Language at the St. Catharines Campus.

"We have met many wonderful people here and our teacher (Donald Combe) is very helpful and understanding of our problems," she said.

"In my country it's a good idea to study and educate yourself." She attended university and has a degree in fine arts and a master's degree.

Phom's obstacle, the English language

By SHARON ANDRES
Staff Writer



PHOM SOUKHAVONGSA

Phom Soukhavongsa, 28, is a student at the St. Catharines campus studying English as a Second Language. He was born in Samneua, Laos.

"It was necessary for me to leave my country because of the war and the new regime," Phom said. He moved to Thailand for three years and then lived in Paris, France, for 10 years.

Phom is fluent in Laotion, his native language, and French. He took an electrician's course in Paris and hopes to be an electrician after his May 6 graduation.

Phom visited Canada in 1985 and moved here last June "because I had my cousin here."

LITTLE ENGLISH

He knew only a little bit of English when he came to live in Canada. "It's very hard. I am willing to learn. I need it."

Phom said the teachers in the program are great but no one except himself in the class is Laotian. "Only me, I am Laotian. We always speak English together. Sometimes we cannot understand each other but we can understand by the gesture."

Phom finds listening to the radio and watching television a helpful way to learn English. He said he finds it easy to adapt to Canadian life because of his practice in adapting to European life.

Phom, who is single, spends his spare time playing tennis, bowling and reading.

"My family, they live in Laos. I want to go back if someday the politics have changed," he said. Laos is near Vietnam and Cambodia.

Start a business, seminar tells how

The Federal Business Development Bank is offering a seminar workshop for people interested in starting their own business.

It will be held March 5 at the Parkway Inn, St. Catharines, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is $15 for students and $35 for others.

"The goal is to tell them what they'll have to do to get a business started," Steve Polton, small business development officer for the Niagara Region Development Corporation, said. The corporation is a non-profit organization in co-operation with the regional government. Their interest is to bring investment into the country, and to assist businesses here.

Many businesses fail because people do not plan, Mr. Polton said. The seminar-workshop teaches people where to get sources of money, how to get it, services offered, and basic marketing background.

If interested, contact the Niagara Region Development Corporation, 685-1308; FBDB, 685-4804 (ask for Muriel). Additional information will be posted on the college's bulletin boards.

Canada's culture led him here

By BARBARA HORNING
Staff Writer

Farhad Malekibaroogh is glad he made the right choice moving to Canada.

The 27-year-old originally from Tehran, Iran, had thought about moving to Sweden, but "Canada has so many religions and ethnics; it is a free country," he said explaining why he wanted to move here.

Farhad is taking the six-month English as a Second Language program at the St. Catharines campus.

When Farhad came to Canada last June, he received his immigrant papers. He must live in Canada for two years before becoming a Canadian citizen, and English is a necessity if he wants to get a job here.

Clue

He said English is his third language after Persian and Turkish. Farhad taught himself a lot of English by reading and studying books in Yugoslavia. "School is just a clue," he said. "It teaches you the Canadian accent and different meanings of words." A lot of studying is done in the foreign students' private time.

Farhad was intrigued by Canada's history and the English and French who established a country.

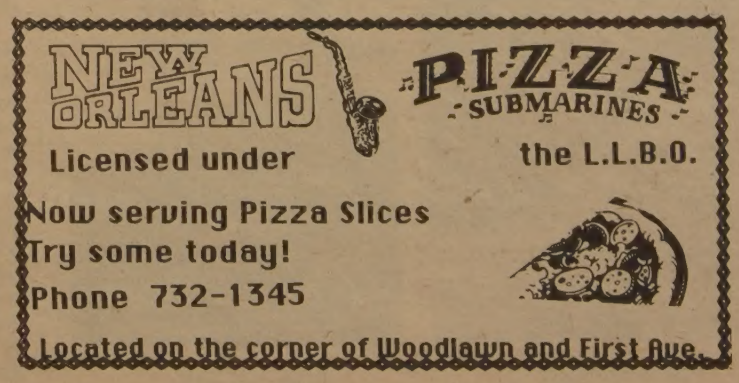
Since being in the Niagara peninsula, he has visited Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls. "I can remember learning about Niagara Falls in school in Iran when I was little. It is famous all over the world. But this was the first time I had ever seen it."

One thing about Canada bothers Farhad so far. He feels Canadians' life styles are based too much around money and thinking about money. He did not want Canadians to think he was being too critical of his new country and said a bad personal experience had caused this impression.

He laughed when asked about anything he finds funny here in Canada. In Iran, blowing one's nose in public is rude and very impolite and he was astounded when he saw Canadians do it so often.

In addition to his interests in watching volleyball and ice hockey, Farhad is attracted to the business fields, accounting and marketing. "I would like to work hard here at a business and someday own my own business," he said, confident his business background in Iran will help him here.

"I will have a good life here," he said.



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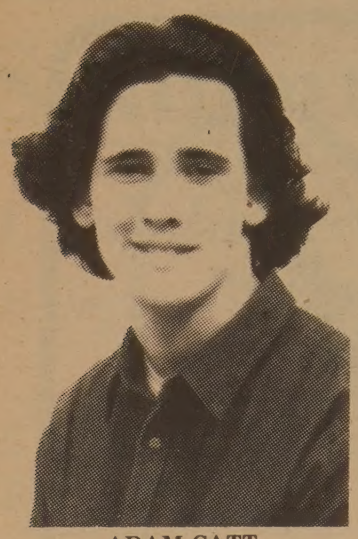

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The '80s style: a matter of individuality, choice

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

Since the dawn of rock 'n roll in the '50s, youth has had its own unique way of expressing itself — from the ducktail that the king himself brought, along with black music, to white America to the Beatles' infamous mop tops.

Today, there is no set mode. The looks can be either passive or intense, and represent anything from politics to social consciousness. The diversity represents a generation surrounded by choice. For the '80s style does not necessarily mirror nonconformity, but is subtly striving for individuality.

When Adam Catt, 19, decided to alter his looks, it was in an attempt to separate himself from the crowd. He was 16 at the time and ready for a change.

"I just wanted to be an individual," Adam said. "I didn't want to be classified as plain."

Influences

A first-year business administration student, Adam has had everything from a spiked cut to shoulder length hair. The styles have varied over the years, but all have represented different influences in his life.

"I used to dress in black," Adam said. "I went through that stage."

Although Adam says he has outgrown the stage of trying to look "different," he still strives to be his own person. An individual who is permitted to express himself freely.

"I don't want to be characterized," he said.

These days, Adam describes his style as more conservative than it used to be. His bob of curly hair nicely complements his stylish appearance.

The people who know him will agree that his style does not reflect his personality, Adam said. Although it may, at times, be eccentric, he doesn't feel it should be used as a tool for labelling.

"I think people should stop before judging a person and concluding that they're either weird, strange or off the wall," he said. "They should try communicating with that person to see what they're really like instead of judging them by the way they look."

Adam feels people should attempt to be what they are and not necessarily what is expected of them.

"People should be able to express themselves freely without being judged."

He cites the alternative music as one of the biggest influences in his life, and a vehicle from which his own personal style has at least in part been derived.

"My music reflects my look," Adam said. "I listen to the alternative music which reflects in my appearance. I think people should express themselves by the way they feel, as opposed to copying someone else."

When it comes right down to it, style is an expression of a person's self as opposed to trying to be like someone else, he said.

A fan of such groups as Hoodoo Gurus, Husker Du, The Style Council, The Smiths, The Color Field and The Doors, Adam believes that music sets the stage for style and fashion.

"Music and style go hand in hand — like peanut butter and jam," he said. "You can't have one without the other."

Along with the influence of the alternative music, Adam's own style seems to be representative of all that interests him. His hobbies include writing poetry, playing the drums and, of course, listening to music. He is also politically inclined, which explains his preference for politically oriented music.

Although his future is temporarily up the air, Adam hopes to eventually attend university or become an entrepreneur. But whatever he decides to do, one can be sure he's an individual who won't be afraid to step out on his own.

It wasn't long after Michelle Smith, 19, enrolled at Niagara College that people began approaching her. But it wasn't because anyone had previously heard of the first-year fashion arts student; it was because of her hair.

"Your peers get interested in what you're like because it interests them," Michelle said.

Michelle is a warm, friendly person who describes her look as "sort of wild." She says she began changing her appearance around the age of 17, after being influenced by some of her friends and the music she was listening to.

"I was kind of bored of looking like everyone else," she said. "I wanted something different."

Electric

Michelle wears her blonde hair in a wild, electric style. Her clothes also add to her slightly eccentric appearance.

Michelle began listening to punk music because of her friends, who, not surprisingly, style themselves after the music.

"They do it to represent the music they like and the groups they listen to," she said.

Michelle listens to such groups as Skinny Puppy, Sisters of Mercy, The Stranglers and The Sex Pistols. Although she enjoys the music, she says she doesn't take many of the political messages too seriously.

After graduation, Michelle hopes to open her own store where she can market either new wave or punk clothing. It appears that the punk scene is something she will be part of for some time to come.

Lynn Balmforth, 19, decided to change her looks when she was enrolled in public school. Dissatisfied with her normal hair color, she dyed it blonde in eighth grade and has been experimenting with it ever since. Her hair is not something that she takes too seriously. It is not so much a representation of her personality, as that it satisfies her want to keep it different.

"I don't like my hair one way all the time," Lynn said. "It doesn't project me at all. It's just something that I've always done."

A first-year student in the general college program, Lynn has spent the last few years travelling. She has spent time in Miami, Greece and spends her holidays with her parents who are living in Bangladesh. She eventually hopes to enter university in Canada.

It is in Europe, Lynn says, that her hair style fetches the most attention.

"It's different more in other places than it is here (in Canada)," she said.

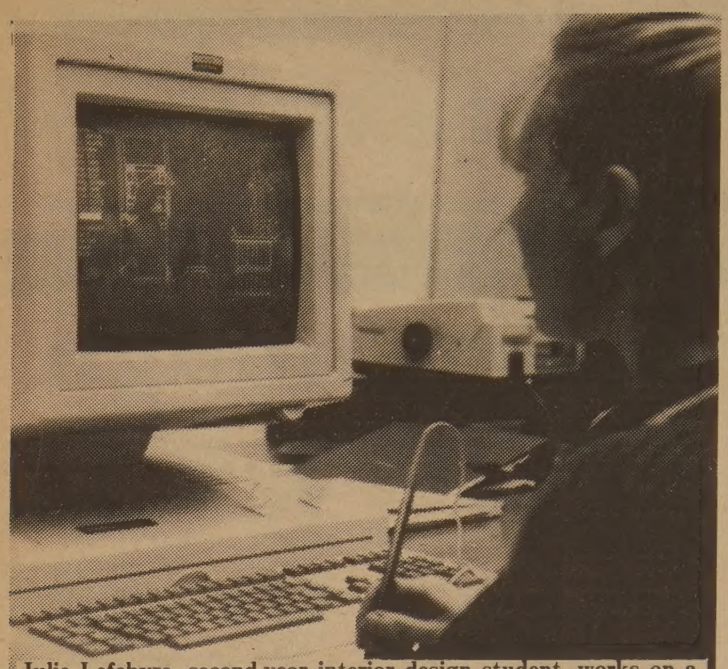
Lynn's two-toned hair is worn short on the sides and longer on top. Her wardrobe consists of clothing purchased in Europe, East Asia and Bangladesh.

Lynn has her own personal style. Most of her clothing has been purchased in places such as Europe, East Asia and Bangladesh. She says that although she is interested in the new music, she is not one to be heavily influenced by it.

"I like the new wave styles and the music very much," Lynn said. "I like the way it looks different, but I don't live by it."

"I don't have any people that I look up to — who I want to be like," she said. "I just do it the way I do it."

As long as there is youth and rock 'n roll, there will be an opportunity for expression, and the expression is a matter of choice.



Julie Lefebvre, second-year interior design student, works on a bungalow floor plan on the computer. Drafting design students also use the system to broaden their horizons in drafting and help them make uniform drawings. Computer aided drafting is an up and coming technology that many industries are starting to use.

Photo by Margaret Bartlett

CAD deletes pencil

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer

Drafting has come a long way since Leonardo da Vinci, Gino Cieri, co-ordinator of the mechanical, engineering, technology, drafting design program, said.

The Italian Renaissance painter, best known for the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper, studied anatomy, astronomy, botany and geology, designed machines and drew plans for hundreds of inventions and was also the first draftsman, Mr. Cieri said.

"First came set squares and then drafting machines and now we have computer aided drafting."

The students are going from pencil to computer in four semesters, he said. This is the computer age and it is a more sophisticated way of making drawings.

"It's opened up a whole new field. CAD will definitely help students get jobs; there is no doubt about that," he said. Thirty per cent of graduates last year entered this field; the number is greater every year.

This is an up-and-coming technology. Some industries have been using it for a long time and others are finally coming around.

High school students are introduced to computers and they accept them. They are already trained in computer basics.

CAD was introduced into the drafting program in 1985 and is integrated into the program over three terms. Second-year interior design students also learn CAD for plan layout over two terms.

"There's an impression that CAD will replace the draftsman, but it will only replace the drafting board," he said. "Some people think now that CAD is here, we don't need any more draftsmen."

It is imperative that the students have basic drafting before they use the computers. "The computer won't dance. It won't do the job for you; it's just a machine."

"It's an enhanced drafting board with libraries," George Duczmal, technician in the manufacturing, mechanical, technology division, said. "We only use five to 10 per cent of the CAD system and that's plenty."

"The CAD operator doesn't have to know a lot about computers," Mr. Duczmal said.

The students must earn the right to use the computer, so it is taught in second, third and fourth semesters, Mr. Cieri said.

Some students are reluctant to learn CAD because they can't see the immediate return and they are not sure of it. But it will enhance their chances of getting jobs.

Computers will accept monotonous duplication, humans won't. The machine is exact and humans are not, he said.

The students can develop a broader outlook, the computer makes their horizons wider and allows for uniformity in drawing.

"It's a fallacy that drafting is just drawing lines; you have to know what all the lines mean."

Lab time back to 10:30

Computer lab time has not been restricted, Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services, said Tuesday.

The three school deans had requested more computer time for students. About four weeks prior to exams, the computer lab hours were extended to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday, Mr. Spittle said.

The recent time change is a move to the original time schedule. Students now have access to the computers until 10:30 p.m. weeknights and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Rock'n blues entertains crowd

By GORDON WILSON
Staff Writer

Paul James and his band played up a musical storm during a pub night in the cafeteria held by the ambulance and emergency care program on Feb. 3.

Paul said he was suffering from a cold that night and still gave a great performance because "the show must go on."

Paul played his guitar behind his head and behind his back. He continued to play while walking among the crowd on the floor who appeared to enjoy it.

"I like to entertain the crowd," he said. "That way it's a bit of a show as well. But we don't rely on props, it's just the music. It's less pretentious."

Members of the band which is from Toronto are Gary Gray, keyboards; Brian Kipping, bass and Adrian Vecchiola, drums. They have been playing together for about 10 years and have two albums out which are available in most record outlets, The Paul James Band and Almost Crazy.

A few songs that Paul did from the Paul James album were Nadine, Sweet Home Chicago and Shake Your Money Maker.

Paul described his music as "roots rock" in the flavor of "old style Rock and Roll" and influenced by blues music. Chicago blues artists like Willie Dixon and Muddy Waters definitely influenced his style. "It's putting that stuff together and coming up with your own style."

Paul said he plays in the same style as Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis. "That's the stuff I think was the greatest." It's obvious in his performance when he does Chuck Berry's famous duck walk.

Paul has played with great musicians like Bob Dylan, Bo Diddley and John Hammond. He toured Europe with a New York band called Mink Deville but said, "I'd like to do it with my own band."

Paul would like to play around the world and still come home to Canada. He and his band are currently touring across the country.

Money from the pub will go to the ambulance and emergency care program for equipment.

YWCA presents conference on health, environment

The St. Catharines YWCA will be presenting the fourth Annual Health Conference on Saturday, March 5, 1988, at Brock University, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's theme is "You, Your Health, Your Environment," with presentations from Margherita Howe and Heather Lee Kilty. Admission is $15. For more information, call 688-3912. All are welcome!

Love notes

From Page 12

To: Hubby and his wife From: Wen.
Congratulations! When are the ceremonies? I can't wait. You two are perfect for one another. Hope Jr. is too.

To: C.J.P. From: Princess
Love is near, love is far, love is like a shining star. Love is blue, love is you, the love we share is just us two.

To: Mr. Wright From: The Three Muskateers
We hope with a Valentine message, we can keep that smile on your face. (one word of advice— sell those boots!)

To: Ginette and Derek
Have a happy Valentine's Day! Congrats! Your friend, Jenni

To: Cheryl V.
May the roses of love bloom for you, forever.
Love always, J.R.

To the good looking blonde guy who wears a red, white and blue jacket.
I saw you on Friday, Feb. 5 in front of the library. When our eyes made contact you gave me a knowingly smile. I returned the smile. I just wanted to wish you a happy Valentine's Day. Hope to see you around.

To: Paula From: Keith, Warren, Jeff, Blake.
Hey guys; there's Paula!

To: Mrs. Blue From: Second-year
HOPEFULLY we WONT have a chance to HOST the next ISSUE of N.N. HAPY VALENTINES"' Day.

Happy Valentine's Day to my special "Somebody". From Unknown.

To: Mr. Brian Keppy From: 1st year interior design students.
We really do know the difference between Gothic and Romanesque. Thanks for the knowledge. We love you for it.

I would like to say "Happy Valentine" to my friend with nice blue eyes. From a girl with blond hair.

To My Valentine: When I look back at the day we met, I still feel the warmth and excitement I felt that day. I look forward to many more years with you, my love. And for this I will love you today, tomorrow and forever. All my love, Carm (Funky)

To: Karen From: John
Our renewed romance is keeping my heart warm. Let's keep the flame burning bright tonight. Be my Valentine, lots of love!

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Men's team tough but not enough

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Perhaps the saying "When the going gets tough, the tough get going" may stand true for the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team. But, it could also be said that "When the going got easy, the Niagara Knights weren't so tough."

The Knights played their second regular season volleyball tournament last weekend in Peterborough, and finished with a 3-3 record. But the 3-3 record could be slightly misleading as the Knights knocked off two stronger opponents in Sir Sandford Fleming and Cambrian, but fell victim to past weaker opponents St. Lawrence and George Brown.

In the first match of the day, the Knights ran up against the Cambrian Golden Shields, a team the Knights are in a fight with for second place.

The Knights, as they always seem to, came out on fire opening up a 5-0 lead. Perhaps the Knights had springs in their shoes as everything the Shields tried to smash over the net, the Niagara blockers were right there, feeding the ball back to their opponents.

The Knights let up a little midway through the game as Cambrian tried to close the gap. They could see only a little light though, as Paul Blakely finished them off at 15-7 with a power tip.

BUILT UP LEAD

In the second game of the match Cambrian built up an 11-5 lead and appeared to have swayed the momentum in their direction, only to have the Knights rally back and tie the score at 12. The game ended at 15-12 Cambrian.

With the Niagara rally sparking them heading into the deciding match, Cambrian was forced to fight for every point in a very tight game. It wasn't until the game was knotted at 11 that the Knights took full control. David Hartman stunned the Golden Shield defenders with a convincing smash. The Knights carried on the trend winning the game 15-11, and the match 2-1.

Coach Ray Sarkis said, "We didn't block in the second game. Our concentration was very good and we just went back to the basics — serving and passing — and that's why we won."

In the second match of the day Niagara met their rival, the Sir Sandford Fleming Knights, a team with which Niagara has exchanged victories within the last two tournaments.

In the first game of the match Niagara was very strong led by key hits and blocks by Hartman and Opie McPherson. The Knights of Niagara handled their rivals with ease 15-7.

The second game of the match saw the lead change hands several times before Sir Sanford finished off Niagara 15-12.

In the third game Niagara opened up an early lead which they never relinquished. Some superb passing by Anson Humphreys and perfect sets from Yves Aubin allowed power hitters Chris Mudjar and McPherson to overpower the opposing Knights. Niagara went on to win the rubber match 15-12.

RIVALRY HELPED

Hartman felt the rivalry between the two schools helped Niagara. "I was really pumped up for it. Yves was setting well and the comeback in the second game really helped."

After two important victories Niagara was faced with playing the undefeated Durham Lords, a team Niagara has never won a single game against.

But coming off of the two games Niagara came out possessed, opening up a 6-0 lead over their bewildered opponents. Early smashes from Mudjar and McPherson shocked the Lords and before they knew it, they were facing game point at 14-10.

But the Durham team proved too strong to overcome, and with some strong hits from Steve Liebig and good sets from Steve Nichols, the Lords clawed their way back to a 16-14 win.

The Durham comeback took all the wind out of the Niagara sail, heading into the second game, and before they knew it they were down 10-1. Durham went on to defeat Niagara 15-6, winning the match 2-0.

ENTHUSIASTIC

Durham coach Dave Dobson commented on Niagara's strong showing against his team. "They showed an incredible improvement even over the past two weeks. They are by far the most enthusiastic team here."

Ray felt that Niagara had the momentum going into the first game, but by the time the second game got going, his team was

RAY SARKIS

very tired and Durham was well rested.

The Knights, who figured they had their three toughest matches over and done with, got caught with their heads turned by the St. Lawrence Vikings, a team searching for revenge on Niagara following their previous drubbing.

In the first game the Vikings opened up an early 4-0 lead, a lead which never dissipated. Except for five Hartman and two Mudjar kills, the Knights were very flat and were out of the game as St. Lawrence built up a 12-5 lead going on to a 15-11 win.

If there was ever a time throughout the day the Knights would like to forget, it would be the second game of this match. The Vikings took full advantage of Niagara's fatigue, thrashing them 15-4, the Knights worst loss of the day.

Niagara seemed to have a hard time getting into the flow of the game as the passes were not there and their blocking had left them.

Yves said, "Everybody seemed down, we were all on our heels. I know we are a better team than they are."

"There was a huge lack of intensity. We all stood around waiting for each other to do the work," Anson said.

The next match for the Knights faced them against the improving Redeemer Royals. The match was three points in Redeemer's favor before Niagara woke up. And wake up they did, Niagara went on a spiking rampage led by Paul Blakely, who was consistently hand-cuffing the Royal defenders. With constant help from Mudjar, McPherson and Hartman, setter Aubin was able to run off nine straight serves to finish off Redeemer 15-4.

EXPERIENCE

In game two, coach Sarkis rested his starters and received some good play out of his bench, Kenny "The Gardner" Geyer, Paul Hill and Jeff Vyse, who filled in and kept Niagara in the game with some good net play and decent setting. But the experience of Redeemer prevailed as they won 15-11.

With Aubin and crew well rested, the Knights played a repeat of the first game as Aubin rallied off six serves to open the game. McPherson was the big hitter in game 3, spiking four at Redeemer. The Knights went on to win the game, backed by five Mudjar serves, 15-4.

In the final match of the day Niagara was up against George Brown, who had yet to win a match. In the first game Niagara looked as convincing as they had against Redeemer. Blakely led the way with six kills as Niagara defeated the Huskies 15-6.

Perhaps a little overconfident against their weaker opponent, Niagara fell behind 9-3 and by the time they could regain their composure, they had lost the game 15-8.

This kindled George Brown's flame for game three as they opened up a 4-0 lead that saw Niagara stand watching as balls hit the floor. Niagara, in a vain attempt to try and salvage a win, chipped away at the lead, but the closest they could get was 10-7, with Blakely doing most of the hitting. George Brown defeated Niagara 15-10, winning the match 2-1.

Ray said, "We took the match for granted and once George Brown knew they were in it, they played very well. We missed a lot of spikes and even more blocks. We should have been five and one today, and for sure at least four and two. Our lack of experience on the bench hurt us today. I wish I could have given Yves more of a rest."

SECOND PLACE

The Knights remain in second place following the tournament with an overall 7-5 record. They are tied with their arch-rival Sir Sandford Fleming, behind Durham who stands at 12-0.

The Knights travel to Cambrian College in Sudbury Feb. 19 and 20 for the final tourament of the year. The top four overall finishers following this tournament will compete at the Provincial Championships at Durham College in Oshawa March 4 and 5.

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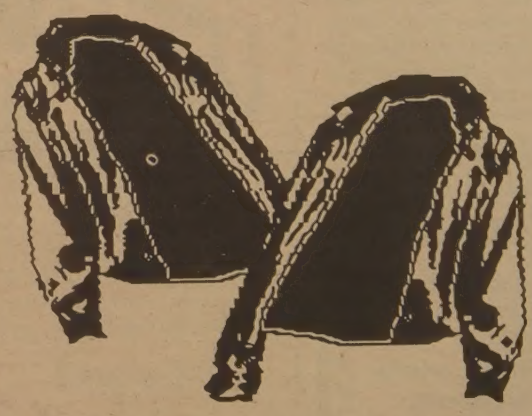

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Women's team falls short of playoffs

By WENDY KUDEBA
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The women's volleyball team had a disappointing tournament on Feb. 5 and 6 at Canadore College in North Bay when it was decided which teams would compete for the Tier II championship title.

The Niagara Knights played five gruelling matches on the weekend. On Friday night, they lost a match to the Lambton Lions and won against the Northern College Huskies. Saturday proved to be an equal upset when they lost matches to Cambrian, Redeemer and Canadore Colleges.

The Knights went into this tournament determined and eager to show just how hard they were willing to work knowing they had to win three matches to compete in the Tier II finals.

The first game of the first match found Niagara against the Lambton Lions from Sarnia in a slow exchange of points. The score went to a 6-6 tie and Niagara fought hard. They gave the Lions only one more chance to gain points, but the Lions missed the advantage and, with the help of seven consecutive points by Tanya Carlton, Niagara ran away with the game to win 15-6.

ENDED QUICKLY

The second game of the match kept Niagara pumped up as the Knights got off to a quick 5-0 lead over the Lions but it didn't stand as the serve was tossed among the teams. The score was slowly brought to a 7-7 tie. The Lions showed their power and defeated the Knights 15-10. The final game of the match ended quickly with Niagara once again gaining a quick 10-4 lead but letting it get away for a 15-11 game loss, and the loss of the match.

The second match lifted the Knights' spirits when they found themselves face to face with the Northern College Huskies of Kirkland Lake. In the first game, after the Huskies were allowed to gain four points, Niagara proved relentless. The Knights gained a few points at a time, allowing the Huskies to gain back their serve but not gain any points. Niagara went on to win 15-4.

The second game proved as humiliating for the Huskies as Niagara once again sent them a battery of serves, paired with hits impossible to return. Niagara won the game 15-5 and the match.

After a good night's rest, the team was ready for another day of continual play. It started off well with a match against the Cambrian Golden Shields of Sudbury. In the first game, Cambrian pulled ahead to 11-1. Niagara regained the serve and made an attempt at redeeming themselves but it was too late. The Shields allowed Niagara only four more points before completing the game 15-4.

The second game had the Knight's fighting for what they knew could mean a chance at the finals. Instead of letting the Shields take control and run away with the game, Niagara took a 5-4 lead at one point, but found they could not hold on to it. Cambrian went on to win 15-9.

"We made our mistakes at bad times. Then, instead of stopping after the first mistake, we keep making more. A lot of that still comes from inexperience," coach Judy Halaiko said.

The second match of the day pitted Niagara against the Redeemer Royals of Hamilton who are near the top of the league. Niagara had yet to steal a match from them. Niagara really dug in and surprised the Royals with spectacular play. The game quickly ran to 4-4 and Niagara showed a grand display of skills. Once the score hit that four-point mark, Niagara soared ahead to 12-5 with great return play by Pat Reynders, Jody Smith, Tanya Carlton and Anne Labrie.

TRULY FIT

Mary Pietrangelo, a fairly new player, proved that she truly fit in with her well-learned skills and noticeable play. Not to go unmentioned are Peggy Bonistell, Donna Muchynski and Tami James, who all seemed to be in the right place at the right time on the court.

Everyone's skills helped in winning the game 15-6 which impressed not only the Knights' coach but the Royals' coach as well, who remarked on the great improvement of the team over the season.

The second game showed the Royals trying to regain the near-perfect reputation they had and they were undaunted by Niagara's attempts to keep their failing strength. The serve was tossed back and forth and the score rose to 11-8 in the Royals favor. Finally, the Redeemer team made a strong attempt at winning and it worked when they went on to a 15-9 victory.

The deciding match was tense as the teams readied themselves. Redeemer seemed to be saving everything for this game because once they got started, they just didn't stop. They allowed Niagara a few chances to gain points and a few they did gain with a three point game total. Fifteen to three was the final score.

BEST BALL

"That was the best ball we ever played; that is excellent," Judy said. "Everyone had a good game at one time or another, it's just that it seems all the players don't have a good game all at the same time."

Even though the Knights knew they had no chance at making it further for this season, they didn't give up their fighting spirit. In the first game of the last match against the Canadore Kittens, the team's host, the score came to a 4-4 standstill for only one serve exchange. Once the Kittens regained the serve, the game was over when they gained 10 consecutive points and won 15-6.

Game two found Niagara putting up a bigger fight when the Kittens attempted to down them with a quick 6-0 lead. Once the score reached the 7-2 mark, Niagara buckled down and nine consecutive strong serves by Tanya coupled with consistent strong return play, Niagara was given the lead at 11-7. The Knights let it go when the score reached 14-14 and the Kittens went on to win 16-14.

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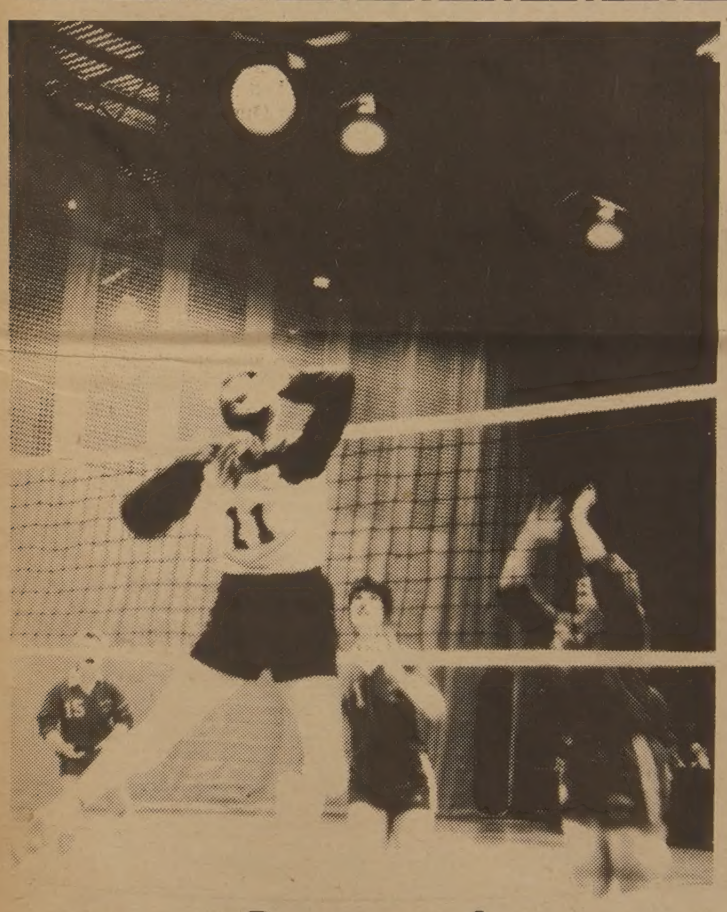

Best performance yet!

The women's volleyball team gave everything they had to win a place in the finals at a Feb. 5-6 North Bay tournament. Even with the spectacular efforts of Jody Smith, left, and Tami James, right, victory escaped the Knights. Photo by Wendy Kudeba

Olympics on TV at Niagara

Two televison sets will be set up in the retail management display case beside the Student Administrative Council office beginning Monday for the next two weeks showing the Winter Olympics. Joe Caverson, a school representive, brought up the idea at a SAC meeting. He said the sets will stay for the Olympics as long as they do not create a crowd problem.

Knights primed, ready

After a week's layoff, the Niagara Knights will be ready to face a rugged Conestoga Condor squad which, in the last meeting between the two teams, suffered a devasting 13-2 loss.

Fred Bassi, coach of the Knights, said he expects the Condors to come out physically against his team but said the Knights will be ready.

"They're going to be tough," he said. "After being beaten 13-2 they will want to redeem themselves."

The Knights will have Rod Estabrook, Bruce Horvath and Pat Flynn back to bolster their lineup and should be at full strength to try to up their winning streak to four games before heading to Penn State for a weekend series of Feb. 19 and 20.

Game time is 8 p.m. against Conestoga on Saturday night at the Welland arena.

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Love Notes

To: Mr. Prez:
My heart is beating for you. Love from your admirer, XOXO.

To: Fred From: Wilma
Just a short note to say I will always care. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday! I love ya forever. P.S. Say hi to the kids for me.

To: Blue eyes
You are always in my thoughts and dreams. Happy Valentine's Day. Love always and forever, Gopher.

To: Sweetpea Love From Hammie
Until the end of time, I will love you...Happy Valentine's Day!!

To: Mike From: Evelyn
Will you be my Valentine when you come home?

To: John L. From: Fo-fana
Hapy Valentimes Day! I'm thinking of you.

To: Cathy From: Karl
I don't know how or why, but you put up with me, and I love you for it, love K.K.

Happy Valentine's Day Chippy
Love forever, your little Kitten.

Happy Valentine's Day Baby,
Love always, your Bear.

To: Corinne From: Pooooky
I can only count the days until you join me. Until then my heart pounds with lustful anticipation.

To: Lynn From: Annie Nonomus
Who's that great looking nursing student who sits beside you in soc?

To: Rachel From: Terry
2 People plus 2 Gether equals 4 Ever.

To: Kissy From: Pinky
How I miss your warmth and gentle touch. My thoughts of you make life worth living and I know my homecoming will be filled with song and celebration. Sing my love, sing so your song of love can guide me home.

To: Michelle, Heather, Margaret, Barb, Carol, Lisa, Jody, Nancy, Kelly, Rose, Lorna, Natalie...ad infinitum.
My love is yours forever, Don

To: Guys in S.02 LASA From: Girls in S.02 LASA.
Hopefully this year Cupid's arrow hits the bulls eye!

To: My best friends; Finley, Koodabah, Jules and Bobbo From: Love: Me!
Remember, every Thursday we're going deep! U know I luv U guys, and I won't forget U.

To: Jordan From: Julie
Just a note to let you know that someone here at Niagara is thinking of you. Happy Valentine's Day!

To: My Dearest Johnny (future cop) Love From: Susy P
I would just like to tell you that NO I'm NOT FAT! And thanks again for the ride on New Year's Eve from C.E.

Dear "Big L" Love From SCABS (P.S. Beware of dogs, seagulls, and Pokey)!!
You probably didn't think we would, BUT, surprise, surprise, we did!! Well, we would just like to say Happy Valentine's Day King! Oh! By the way, nice bowling lizards!

To: Chris From: Kaffy
Happy Valentine's Day. You are the only one Valentine I love. XX

To: Kathy K. From: J.D.
Dump him, he ain't worth it, BE MINE! xoxoxoxoxo

To: Maria and Anna Rita From: The King
I told you that I would Big L.

To: Bro-man From: Sis
Long time no see. Come up and visit some time. Love Ya!

To: Anson H.From: Linda S.
There is a plea from my heart to you. Nobody cheers me as much as you do. But, you see, I'd be happier if you'd be only my Valentine, all for me.

To: Shelly and Denise From: Wray
Let's forget the past and won't you both be my valentine. XOXO

To: Chris MudjarFrom: Huge
Hey, big guy! Be my Valentine.

To: Scott KnollFrom: Laura
To my No. 1 Valentine! This is our third Valentine's Day together and I love you three times as much. Love, Your Darlin'

To: Kelly (S),
Hope you have a happy Valentine's Day, Gorgeous!!! Love ya, XOXO?!?

To: Frances From: Jackie and Debbie
Watch Cupid's arrow! XOXOXO

To: Frank From: Frances
Happy Valentine's Day to one hot Babe! Tons of love and kisses.

To: Miss North From: LASA Girls S.02
May your Valentine's wish come true.

To: Jackie and Debbie From: Frances
Happy Valentine's Day to two great friends! P.S. Hope the guys continue to come in abundance!

To: Mr. Petkovic From: Sec. 02, Girls from LASA.
Happy Valentine's smile for you! XOXOXO

To: Mary and Terry From: Jackie, Debbie and Frances
Don't let the love bugs bite!

To: Bruce "Hot Lips" Milligan From: Your girls in LASA.
Keep puckering!!

To: Jan P. From: All of us at LASA
Love and kisses and all that stuff. XOXOXO

To: B.B. From: WW, JJ and Prin.
Stay sane—don't be like the rest of us! Seriously— you're the best. Thanks for the nicknames. Take your own advice and have a lot of fun.

To: Mike M. From: Guess Who.
All the things you say and do attract me more each day. So I'd like to say to you, XOXO, happy Valentine's Day.

To my zoid
Roses are red, violets are blue, I bought ice cream, just for you. Happy Valentine's Day. P.S. Oink, Love Jamaican Punanny

To: Dave,
To that special guy who is in my life and will be forever. Thanks for being there for me at those times I needed someone. Happy Valentine's Day, Dave! And "I love you"! ("Baby.baby"!)
Yours always, Angie, XO.

To: AJ in JP From: The girls in second year.
You're so cute, we couldn't resist sending you a great big kiss and the hope things go your way on this year's Valentine's Day.

To: Chipper From: The Big "M"
A toast for my G.P.! "Four" you are my 21st century fox! P.S. No more cake, all gone.

To: "Diff" From: "Blonde"
To the good times, to the bad times, to the quiet times, to the sad times, and the best times yet to come. Happy Valentine's Day!

To: Rand, Jules, Lisa and Bobby From: Wen
My bestest friends; roses are red, violets are blue, with you as my friends, I will always get through. Hugs and kisses.

To: Sunshine, Jules, Koodabah, Spike, Bedsprings and Dean From: Miss Prinley
You're the best friends any starving writer could want! Love ya!

To: Pokey Love:Spanky
Roses are red, violets are blue, these are the things I love about you. Your blonde curly hair, your sparkling green eyes, your deep dark secrets, you're such a surprise, your cheerful laugh, your sincere smile, on the back of your Harley we can cruise for miles.

To: Linda From: Jerry
Can't stop thinking about you. XOXO.

To: Allison From: Warren
Happy Valentine's Day to the most beautiful dental assistant at Niagara.

To: Mr. Hart From: Chrissy
I'm glad we are friends; you're a pleasure to know. Happy Valentine's Day, you Scrooge.

To: Spud, Stud, Spike, Mo (Prinley), Curly (J.J.) and Larry (W.W.) From: Bedsprings
You are all great people and friends. I'm glad I got to know you all. Good luck in the future.

To: Chris From: Karen
Remember you're someone special and I love you. Happy Valentine's Day! You're my "once in a lifetime." Love always and forever.

To: My Sunshine From: Roger (S.C.)
Happy Valentine's Day and many more happy memories to come. May we be together for a long time.

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